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## GSP Community News

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## Welcome, new alumni!

Now that all three sessions of the 2010 Governor's Scholars Program have drawn to a close, we are pleased to welcome 1,051 new members to the Governor's Scholars Program Alumni Association. Read on for highlights of this summer's activities on all three GSP campuses.

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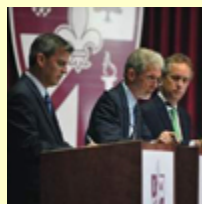
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### Bellarmino University Campus

This summer, scholars on the Bellarmine campus has the opportunity not only to attend, but also to participate in, a spirited debate involving the candidates seeking to be the next mayor of Louisville. This debate, which was the first to feature Independent candidate Jackie Green as well as Democrat Greg Fischer and Republican Hal Heiner, was co-hosted by Bellarmine University and the Governor's Scholars Program. WAVE-3 TV news anchor Scott Reynolds served as moderator and *Courier-Journal* columnists David Hawpe and John David Dyche as well as 2010 Governor's Scholars **Elizabeth Crush, Shayla Elmore, Anthony Flaherty, Ross Micciche, and Tra Taylor.**



In addition to allowing the panelists to pose questions to the candidates, this was the first debate of the mayoral election that designated time for the candidates to ask questions of one another. This interactive format prompted several energetic exchanges that gave the scholars and community members in attendance great insight into the candidates' personalities as well as their plans for the city. Campaign staff and audience members alike declared debate to be a great success and it received extensive coverage in the local media, including a front page article in the next day's *Courier-Journal*.

### Alumni Updates

Keep in touch! Please send your updates to [Sarah Metzmeier](#).

**Catherine Bozio ('04 Bellarmine)** is an M.P.H. candidate at Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health, where she studies global epidemiology. This summer, she conducted an epidemiological study in the Peruvian Andes and identified risk factors associated with colonization of *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, a bacterium that causes pneumonia.

**Marty Napper (Faculty '04-'09 Bellarmine)** received the Mercy Educator of the Year Award at Mercy Academy's graduation in May.

**Stephanie Riley ('05 EKU; RA '09 and '10 Bellarmine)** graduated

### Murray State University Campus

After 17 years away, the transition back to the campus of Murray State University was smooth and rewarding for the GSP community. Both the



University and the community of Murray opened their arms for the Program. A wide variety of new opportunities in Western Kentucky provided an enriching and beneficial experience for the scholars, who enjoyed field trips and activities at such places as the Land Between the Lakes, the National Quilt Museum, the Frist Art Museum, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, WPSD-TV, the Parthenon in Nashville, Lake Barkley, and Kentucky Lake.

On the Murray State campus, scholars were able to establish new traditions and continue longstanding ones, including the "Real World" and "Get Your Feet Wet" activities as well as Community Service Day and Community Arts Day.

### Centre College Campus

For the past several summers, the Visual Arts Focus Area has held a culminating show of all the work the scholars produced during the program. This year, several more groups joined in the exhibition to create the campus's Evening with the Arts. The **Visual Arts** scholars displayed amazing watercolors of still lifes, zoo animals, and scenes from the Bluegrass. Scholars in the **Music** focus area provided recordings that they had produced over the five weeks to serve as the evening's soundtrack. Enhancing the evening was the **You Are What You Eat** general studies class's edible art installation. These scholars produced a piece entitled "The Farm" which brought the idealistic rural farm in stark contrast to the actual farm which is primarily mechanized and corn based. Standing next to this unique consumable piece was the display of scrapbooks compiled by the **Creative Writing & Literary Studies** focus area. These detailed, personal pieces chronicled the development of scholars' writing over the course of the five-week Program. The evening culminated in two participatory events held in Centre College's Weisiger Theatre. Here, the **Drama** Focus Area led the campus community in some interactive theatrical bits, followed by several improvisational games similar to those on the TV show "Whose Line is it Anyway?" Finally, students in the **Japanese Language & Culture** class produced a mock Japanese game show complete with a rousing game of Batsu. Overall, the evening was a wonderful and unique way of showcasing some of the many things the scholars accomplished during their time at GSP.



### 2011 Scholar & Staff Applications

Applications for those interested in participated in the 2011 Governor's Scholars Program either as scholars or as staff will be posted on the GSP website, [gsp.ky.gov](http://gsp.ky.gov), in the coming weeks.

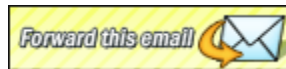
from the University of Alabama in May and, after spending her second summer as a GSP R.A., moved to Guatemala City, where she is teaching at the American School of Guatemala. Much to her surprise, one of her fellow teachers there is another Kentuckian and GSP alum: **Peter Meirose ('01 Centre)**. As it turns out, Peter was a scholar with Stephanie's sister, **Anita Riley ('01 Centre)**. What a small world!

**Cameron Hamilton ('07 Centre)** and **Tyler Jury ('07 Morehead State)** spent their summer cycling across America to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association. Together with four of their friends, they began their journey in Oceanside, California, on May 25th and arrived in Yorktown, Virginia, on July 16th. During this time, each team member rode over 3,200 miles! As a result of their effort, they have raised over \$45,000 to date. You can find out more about their ride and their cause [here](#).

**Stephanie Anderson ('08 Bellarmine)** just returned from a trip to Delhi, India, where she worked for the Habitat for Humanity magazine *Habitat World* in the Bawana slum. In Delhi, she interviewed impoverished families in an effort to learn their story

**Scholar applications** will be available electronically on or before Friday, September 24th. Hard copies will also be mailed to the guidance counselors at all Kentucky high schools at that time. Students who plan to apply for GSP 2011 should also check out the Helpful Hints Packet, which contains detailed information about the Program itself as well as an in-depth guide to the application process. Students and school officials with questions about the application process may contact [Jerri Seeders](#).

**Faculty and R.A./Office Staff** applications will be posted on the GSP website by mid-October. Review of completed staff applications will begin in early January and will continue until all positions have been filled. Questions regarding the staff application process should be directed to [Sarah Metzmeier](#).



and help spread awareness through her writing.

**James Hawkins ('09 Centre)** has been selected for the U.S. National Trampoline Team. This is the second time he has qualified for the team. Only twelve men in the United States are selected to be a part of the team each year.

**Suraj Kannan ('09 CAMPUS)** has been named a Presidential Scholar. He is the only student from Louisville and one of fewer than 150 in the nation to be chosen for this honor. He graduated from duPont Manual High School in June and now attends the University of Louisville, where he has been chosen for the Guaranteed Entrance to Medical School program.

**Nash Laungani ('10 Bellarmine)** has created a comprehensive event-planning iPhone application, "Party 101," which is now available on the Apple App Store. Check it out [here](#).

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